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Attorney Docket: NUCL-002/01US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Confirmation No.: 4861

Application No.: 10/762,395

Group Art Unit: 1639

Filed: January 22, 2004

Examiner: J. Epperson

For: POST-TRANSCRIPTIONAL GENE
SILENCING USING EXPRESSED
STRANDED RNA (as amended)

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment.

2. Additional papers enclosed:

- ☐ Drawings: ☐ Formal ☐ Informal (Correction)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ Six (6) references
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer
- ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
- ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
- ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>[Fee for Small Entity]</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 795.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$ 2,160.00	\$1,080.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$0.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

4. Constructive Petition

- ☒ EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1283. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

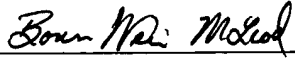
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	65	minus	39	26	x \$50 each=	+ \$1,300.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	3	minus	3	0	x \$200 each=	+ \$0.00
[] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)					\$360.00	+ \$ 0.00
SUB-TOTAL =						\$0.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						- \$0.00
TOTAL FEE =						\$1,300.00

6. Fee Payment

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the total fee due of **\$1,300.00** to Deposit Account 50-1283.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1283.

Respectfully submitted,

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